

Blown Egg Shells for Ornamental Purposes (other than those that have been sanitized with chlorine)

The information in this document has not been confirmed by the government of Japan. While not confirmed, the below is language that APHIS believes will likely be accepted by Japanese port officials. Exporters should have their importers confirm (prior to shipment) with the specific Japanese government officials at the anticipated port of entry into Japan. No other certifications/declarations should be utilized.

We believe **Japan will require the outer packaging of these egg shells to be disinfected prior to release from the port in Japan.** Exporters should have their importers confirm the details regarding this requirement with the specific Japanese government officials at the anticipated port of entry into Japan.

The following text should be added to the additional declarations area of the VS Form 16-4:

The United States has been free of highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza for at least 90 days.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from *[insert name of company here]* verifying the accuracy of the statements below. I, the endorsing official listed below, have read the notarized affidavit referenced above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true.

Appropriate hygienic measures were taken in establishments collecting and packing the egg shells. The egg shells were packed, stored, and shipped in a hygienic manner.

When submitting the draft VS Form 16-4 to the VS Area Office, in addition to the affidavit referenced above, exporters should also include affidavit(s) from the producer(s) verifying the location of the farm(s) producing and other establishment(s) handling the source eggs and egg shells. The affidavit(s) do not become part of the VS Form 16-4 and are not forwarded with the consignment to Japan.

For exports of blown egg shells for ornamental purposes that have been sanitized with at least 200 ppm chlorine, please go back and select “Egg shells- blown (sanitized with chlorine) intended for ornamental purposes.”